

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** asthma affects approximately 20 million people throughout the nation; and

**WHEREAS,** asthma is a leading cause of childhood hospitalizations, long-term illness and school absenteeism, accounting for more than 14 million missed school days each year; and

**WHEREAS,** an estimated 280,000 South Carolinians suffer from asthma and one-third of all emergency room visits by children in the Palmetto State are due to asthma; and

**WHEREAS,** the annual observance of Asthma Awareness Day provides an opportunity to work together to reduce the asthma mortality rate and improve the quality of life of those living with asthma.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2004, as

### ASTHMA AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about asthma for the continued health and well-being of our residents.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**